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This memorandum with attached map is in answer to a request from ORR/S/CST for information concerning the reported inoperational status of the Hanoi to Ping Siang railroad as determined from a study of the latest available aerial photography. Hanoi to Lang Son is covered by small scale 

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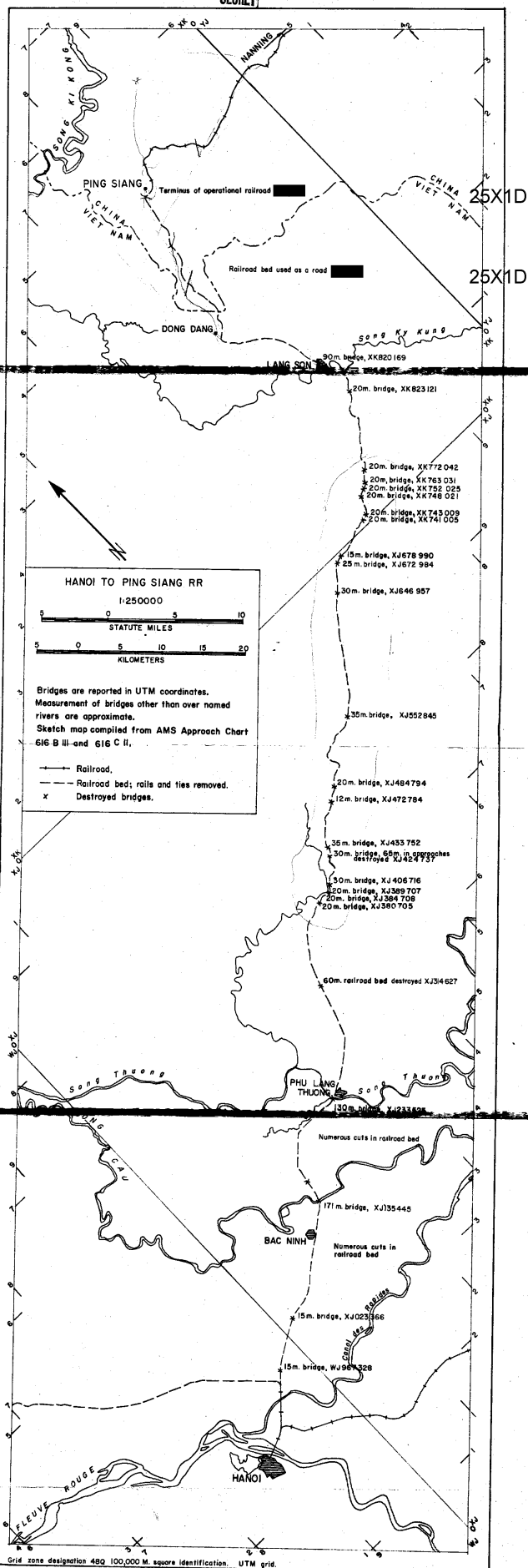
Rails and ties have been removed and all bridges have been destroyed from WJ967328 (a bridge five miles north of Hanoi) to Lang Son. There are numerous cuts in the rail bed in this section. Little use is made of the rail bed other than for foot or other light local traffic.

In the hilly region south of Lang Son for a distance of approximately thirty miles the rail line is tortuous and winding over a large part of this section. It appears that the rail bed is overgrown with vegetation and has suffered some degree of erosion and general deterioration.

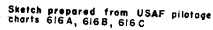
The bridge at Lang Son has been repaired for foot traffic and light vehicular use. From a point two miles north of Lang Son to Ping Siang the rail bed appears to be in good condition and in use as a road. There is indication of grading and repair work on the section from Dong Dang to Ping Siang.

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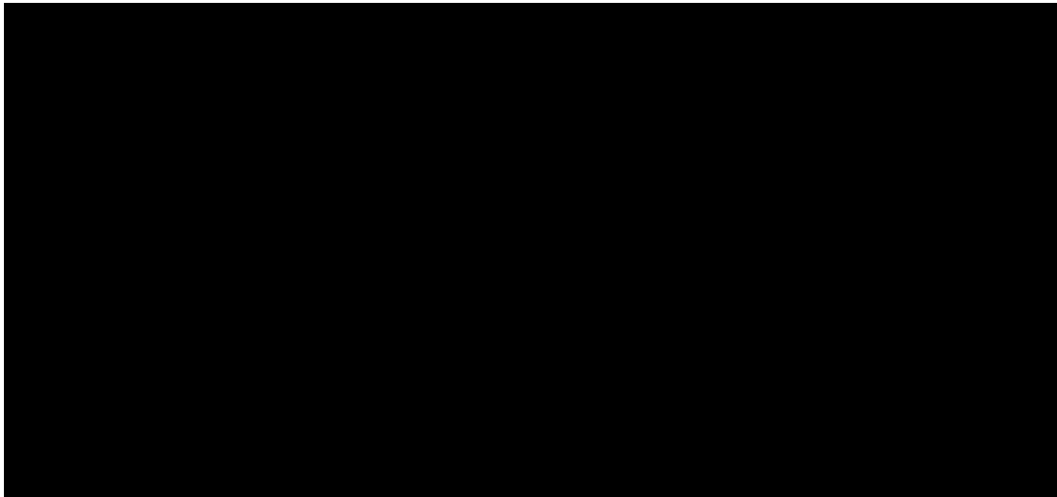


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The rail line from Nanning appears operational to Ping Siang. The presence of rail cars or the condition of the marshalling yard at Ping Siang could not be determined due to the small scale of oblique photography.

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Map References: ~~AMS~~ Approach Charts 616 B III and 616 C II 1/250,000.
AMS Series L605 Sheet No. 49 (West), 38 (est),
38 (East), and 28 (West), 1/100,000.

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